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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

The following <sup>25X1A</sup> story, which appeared in today's San Diego UNION, was telephoned in by [REDACTED] and brings Gerhardt Eisler into the picture for the first time.

PARIS, FRANCE, OCTOBER 8---by Gene Fuson---

Spanish police, the political police in Spain, today asked me to return to Madrid to work with Fabio Gallo in an effort to bring the Beria case to a conclusion. They want me (Fuson) to work with Gallo in attempting to establish other contacts with the supposed Beria. Spanish police are convinced there is some truth to Gallo's claim. He knows that Beria escaped from Russia and is seeking U. S. sanctuary.

The chief of the Spanish political police, Guiseppe Regengo, also told me he thinks Gerhardt Eisler may be in Spain, perhaps with Beria.

(The story then gives a little bit of a build up as to who Gerhardt Eisler is.)

Gallo was being held by the Spanish police but he said that he could have gotten Beria but was unable to because the United States had failed to forward the requested guarantees of safety. Gallo said he received no cooperation from United States attaches in Spain. One man, who identified himself as a U. S. agent, threatened Gallo when Gallo would not cooperate by saying that he would turn him over to the Spanish police. However, when the Spanish police did receive the case, they extended complete cooperation.

The U. S. authorities did not take the case seriously for six weeks. Now they are showing considerable interest in the matter. Gallo, who was taken into custody by Spanish police after trying to withdraw from the story, has been released for another try.

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